

WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL

How you can be involved in bringing cultural events to Westminster.....

Would you like to be a member of the Westminster Cultural Council?

Residents of Westminster are invited to join the Westminster Cultural Council. As a member of the WCC you will be a part of the decision making process that funds projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. For information about the WCC contact any WCC member.

What type of cultural activities you would like to see in Westminster?

WCC welcomes your input! Your thoughts as to types of programs or events you would like to see are needed. What type of events would you like to have in our town?

Are you, or an organization you are involved with, interested in applying for a grant from the WCC?

LCCs can fund grants from individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations, schools, libraries and religious organizations. All LCC funded programming must show that a public benefit results from the funded project.

*You can contact the Westminster Cultural Council
at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Westminster>*

or

*by writing to the Westminster Cultural Council
at the Town Hall, 11 South Street, Westminster*

When available, dates and times of Westminster Cultural Council funded events that are open to the public will be posted on the Westminster town website: www.westminster-ma.gov.

The Westminster Cultural Council is one of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) in Massachusetts. *Local Cultural Council Program Guidelines* describe the LCC program as follows:

“In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and through a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state.

“The MCC receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

“Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) are made up of volunteers who are appointed by the community’s chief elected official and who are responsible for making decisions on how they will award the money granted to them by the MCC in ways that will serve local cultural needs.”

For the 2014 fiscal year, the Westminster Cultural Council has received \$4,250 in MCC funding in addition to a \$1,000 appropriation from the town. Each year in October the WCC solicits grant applications that are then reviewed for funding.

Westminster Cultural Council Members

Valerie Antoniac
Karen Brighenti
Mary Dunn
Susan Yraola

Nancy Sampson
Marta Klemetti
Sandi Thibodeau
Mary Waight

In FY14 the Westminster Cultural Council was pleased to be able to fund the following events.

Theatrical Magic at the Library \$495
Forbush Memorial Library, July, 2014

Scott Jameson will do a 45-50 minute, family friendly magic and juggling show.

“Music is Love” with Dawn Kelly \$200
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Senior Center, May 28th at 10:00 am

A one hour music and magic show with music from the 1920's -1960's.

Pumpernickel Puppets show \$295
Ashburnham-Westminster Community Partnership for Children
April 2, 2014, 9:30 am

A puppet show followed by a small workshop showing how a puppet works. This allows the children an opportunity to learn a new method to express themselves.

Circle of Artists Art Show, October 25-26, 2014 \$500
Circle of Artists

An art show for the members of the Circle of Artists as well as local artists and high school students.

Portable Planetarium \$300
Westminster Elementary School TBD
A full-color, full-dome planetary experience.

Family Variety Show \$600
June 2014 at Westminster Elementary School
A variety show using local talent and the Surround Sound Chapter of Harmony Inc.

A Musical Journey Through the Years \$225
Council on Aging, Westminster Senior Center, April 23, 2014
Tommy Rull will sing a variety of musical numbers including those by Frank Sinatra, Barry Manillo, Louis Armstrong, Paul McCartney and others.

We funded museum passes to through Forbush Memorial Library for the Fitchburg Art Museum, Worcester Art Museum, and the Discovery Museum/Acton.

“Atticus” From *To Kill a Mockingbird* \$350
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Senior Center, Sept. 15, 2014
Richard Clark will portray ‘Atticus’ in a dramatization of Harper Lee’s novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Westminster Farmer’s Market Entertainment \$1,000
Westminster Agricultural Council
May-October 2014
Funding for a variety of family entertainment at the Friday Farmer’s Markets.

Great Decisions Seminars \$400
Forbush Memorial Library, January 29-April 2, 2014
Funds will go towards decreasing the cost of supplies for those participating in discussions of foreign policy.

“Barrymore” \$375
Forbush Memorial Library, June 14, 2014
Richard Clark portrays John Barrymore, Hollywood’s “bad boy” actor of the 20th Century.

Music Throughout the Year \$1,200
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Senior Center, once a month
Steve Damon will entertain and involve the seniors. Steve will come to the center every month to engage the seniors in singing, dancing, playing hand chimes, listening and playing ‘Name That Tune’.

Eth-Noh-Tec \$319
Overlook Middle School Seventh Grade, April, 2014
A storyteller program by Master Story Teller Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo. Robert will take them on a imaginative adventure weaving traditional tales with music, movement and expression. The folk tales and myths are from Asia: Korea, Japan, Tibet, Afghanistan and other cultures.

Entertainment at the First Congregational Church’s Yankee Street Fair August 23, 2014 \$400
These funds will go toward hiring performers to entertain everyone at the fair.